

## Wichita Citizen's Review Board

Thursday, April 27, 2023

4:00 PM

City Council First Floor Boardroom  
455 N. Main St, Wichita, KS 67202

This meeting was streamed over YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5yEcewDEEzU>

**Board Members Present:** Sharon Ailsieger, Dennis Bender, Walt Chappell, Jay Fowler (Chair), Odell Harris Jr., Riccardo Harris, Kevin Harrison, Janet Johnson, Paul Kitchen, Twila Puritty

**Board Members Absent:** Shaun Rojas

**City of Wichita Representatives Present:** Captain Travis Easter, Lieutenant Aaron Moses, Sergeant Kenneth Kimble, Zachary Kester, Jennifer Magana, Betsy Pagan

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW-UP
Call to Order – Chairperson J. Fowler	Fowler called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM.  Harris Jr. motioned to approve the March 23 <sup>rd</sup> minutes as written. Seconded by Bender. March 23 <sup>rd</sup> minutes were unanimously approved as written.	
Public Agenda – 15 minutes set aside for this portion of the meeting.	Faith Martin, vice chair of the Racial Profiling Advisory Board, came forward and asked that Board move agenda item number eight in front of agenda item number seven. She also thanked the board members that attended the Racial Profiling Advisory Board's last meeting.	
Staff Report Revisions & Updates – Captain T. Easter	Captain Easter gave the staff report to the Board. Puritty asked to keep track of PSB cases pulled for review to the agenda. Chappel asked for clarification on how to determine if a PSB case was an internal complaint or an external complaint. This resulted in a discussion between the Board on how the Department should present the data on internal and external	22PSB-2108 (Harris) 21PSb-5464 (Puritty) 22PSB-5805 (Ailsieger) 23PSB-0629 (Puritty)

	<p>complaints. If there is a need to change the presentation of the data it should be put into writing and voted on by the Board.</p> <p>Puritty asked for clarification on what directive 3.409(E) was as it was not on the allegation directive sheet. Easter said that he will look into this and report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>Puritty asked for the race of the complainant on the finalized complaint sheet for external complaints. Easter said that he would look into if this was possible to provide.</p> <p>Fowler set 21PSB-5464, 22PSB-2697 and 23PSB-0629 for sub-committee review and the others that were pulled would be put on the list for full board review.</p> <p>Puritty asked to follow up on some WPD policies that the Board had requested to review.</p> <p>Easter requested setting an agenda item for follow-up items.</p> <p>Johnson proposed a new format for minutes that the Board could use to save staff time. Fowler agreed with this suggestion.</p> <p>The Board requested to have a table added to the minutes with all PSB cases and policies that the Board pulls for review.</p>	<p>22PSB-2697 (Puritty)</p> <p>23PSB-1197 (Puritty)</p> <p>Policy 104 (Johnson)</p> <p>Off-Duty Work Policy (Fowler)</p> <p>Search Warrants Policy (Puritty)</p> <p>Policy on Public Demonstrations (Puritty)</p> <p>Policy on Long-Range Acoustic Device (Puritty)</p>
Reporting of Citizen Request for PSB Case Review and Report by Sub-Committee – Board Members	<p>There were no new citizen requests for PSB case review.</p> <p>The sub-committee reviewed two cases and felt that no further review was needed. One of the cases set for review could not be reviewed and Puritty requested that it be reviewed at the next sub-committee meeting.</p> <p>Discussion of sub-committee procedures.</p>	
Traffic Stop Data Presentation – Captain T. Easter	<p>Captain Easter presented the traffic stop data to the Board.</p> <p>The Board asked clarifying questions about the breakdown of citations issued by the diversity group.</p> <p>The Chief is willing to have a more comprehensive study of traffic stops done.</p> <p>Puritty asked why the number of citations wasn't broken down by officer by racial category. Easter said this was not included at the direction of the Chief.</p>	

	<p>Ailslieger identified that a sociological study would need to be done to further look into this data. Harris agreed. Easter urged the Board to follow through on recommending this level of study. Harrison did not believe that a deeper study was needed.</p> <p>Chappel asked to have the RRI added to the data and to include only black, Hispanic and white diversity groups.</p> <p>Discussion of the Department's strategies for traffic stops, crime reduction and accident reduction.</p> <p>Discussed programs that the Department has to help citizens get defects fixed, car seats and driver's licenses reinstated.</p> <p>Puritty asked about a Departmental response to the data.</p> <p>A citizen asked why more Hispanics have received citations for not having a valid driver's license. Easter did not know of an answer.</p> <p>Puritty asked why the numbers were higher in year two in the February and March timeframe. Easter did not know of an answer. Fowler speculated weather could be a cause.</p> <p>Fowler asked if the Department had an expectation of what a more in-depth study would look like. Easter answered that the Chief had just said that he would be open to a more in-depth science-based study. Fowler proposed that there could be a cultural assessment of the traffic stop data. Fowler said that the Board might be open to requesting the City Council to fund this kind of study.</p> <p>Johnson asked if the Department maintains a list of racial profiling complaints. Easter answered that they do.</p> <p>Faith Martin came back up and asked the Board to move on to the motion related to strategic plan.</p>	
Executive Session – Captain T. Easter	The Board did not have an executive session at this meeting.	
New Business	<p><b>Discussion of Motion Related to Strategic Plan – Board Member P. Kitchen</b></p> <p>Kitchen based the strategic plan on the one done by USD 259. Kitchen outlined his plan. The plan will be attached to the minutes.</p>	

	<p>Puritty is concerned that citizens won't know how to answer the questions that the strategic plan poses.</p> <p>Bender is concerned that Board won't get a representative sample to attend the listening sessions. Kitchen agreed that this was a concern.</p> <p>Johnson recommended holding the listening sessions in conjunction with other events.</p> <p>Faith Martin recommended reaching out to the organizations that were used during the police chief selection process.</p> <p>A sub-committee was created to work on further developing the strategic plan. Kitchen, Bender and Johnson will serve on the sub-committee.</p>	
Adjourn	Harris Jr. moved to adjourn, seconded by Harris. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:01 PM.	

The next meeting will be held on May 25<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 PM in the City Council First Floor Boardroom (455 N. Main St, Wichita, KS 67202).

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Zachary Kester, Administrative Aide, Wichita Police Department.*

*Wichita Citizen's Review Board*  
*Record of Recommendations / Motions*

Month	Recommendation / Motion
January 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None made at the meeting.</li> </ul>
February 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approve the resolution presented by Dr. Walt Chappell, Racial Profiling Advisory Board of Wichita. Motion by Sims; second by Harris. Motion passed.</li> <li>Issue a reminder to the PSB stressing the importance of following up on complaints with the complainant(s) in accordance with WPD Policy 901. Motion by Bender; Second by Lopez. Motion passed.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommendations be put forth in a formal document which includes recommendations, date and time passed. Motion by Sims; Second by Ailsieger. Motion passed.</li> </ul>
March 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None made at the meeting.</li> </ul>
April 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motion to have WPD leadership come and present about how the WPD reaches out to learn from other Police Agencies, and what other Police Agencies asked to learn from the WPD.</li> <li>Request to have a discussion at a future meeting about the pros and cons of confidentiality provisions the police disciplinary procedures.</li> </ul>
May 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requested to start reviewing WPD policies. Mainly those policies that are about how WPD interacts with the community.</li> </ul>
June 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requested that City Manager direct staff to provide for YouTube streaming of meetings.</li> <li>Also requested that the agenda for CRB meetings be posted no later than the Monday prior to a scheduled Thursday meeting.</li> </ul>
July 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommended that a statement be added before executive session asking that all those that cannot stay for executive session exit the room quickly.</li> <li>Recommended that there be a designated time for the board to ask questions and after the board has finished asking questions, then the public will be allowed to ask questions.</li> </ul>
August 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deferred making a recommendation made for breakdown of legal expenses pertaining to law enforcement personnel.</li> <li>Motion passed regarding accomplishments of Citizen's Review Board to be published with amended corrections.</li> <li>Motion passed asking the Board to adopt recommendation to number 2 in proposed policy recommendations.</li> <li>Recommendation to review citation data from Dr. Birzer be placed on September agenda.</li> </ul>
September 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommendation to post the paper on the Boards accomplishments to the website.</li> </ul>

October 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion failed regarding asking the city to provide a breakdown of legal expenses pertaining to law enforcement personnel.</li> </ul>
December 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None made at the meeting.</li> </ul>
January 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was no meeting.</li> </ul>
February 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion made to have a special meeting to further review 21PSB-5114 and connecting cases, with a representative from PSB and command staff. This meeting will be on March 10, 2022.</li> </ul>
March 10, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None made at this meeting.</li> </ul>
March 24, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion made to have a special meeting to continue review of 21PSB-5114 and connecting cases, with a representative from PSB and command staff. This meeting will be on March 31, 2022.</li> </ul>
March 31, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion made to have a special meeting to discuss the issuance of a report on 21PSB-5114 and connecting cases. This meeting will be on April 5, 2022.</li> </ul>
April 5, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion to accept, approve and release the Board's report on their review of 21PSB-5114 and connecting cases.</li> </ul>
April 28, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion to accept the submission of a protocol that states: The CRB requests that the WPD report to the CRB monthly a listing of new PSB cases involving allegations of Conduct Unbecoming, Excessive Force or allegations involving Departmental Integrity. Departmental Integrity allegations relate to claims of false statements by officers or supervisors involving their official duties. The purpose of this request is to allow those cases to be tracked and pulled for review on completion of the PSB investigation. The disclosure should be sufficient to allow for an understanding of the allegation made. Any CRB review of the cases identified will occur only after the cases have been closed.</li> </ul>
May 26, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion to invite a member of the District Attorney's office to come and speak with the Board about Brady/Giglio.</li> </ul>

June 23, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None made at this meeting.</li> </ul>
July 28, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None made at this meeting.</li> </ul>
August 25, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None made at this meeting.</li> </ul>
September 22, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None made at this meeting.</li> </ul>
October 27, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion to review all previous PSB cases on Officer A, as identified in 22PSB-2369.</li> </ul>
November 30, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None made at this meeting.</li> </ul>
January 26, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None made at this meeting.</li> </ul>
February 22, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion to adopt a policy on sub-committee case screening. Passed eight (8) to one (1).</li> <li>• Motion to increase transparency and accountability in the Wichita Citizens Review Board Complaint Review Process. There was a motion to table this motion to receive legal review and advice. The tabling motion was passed eight (8) to one (1).</li> </ul>
March 23, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion to hold a special meeting to discuss CRB procedures and the CRB section of the Jensen Hughes report.</li> </ul>
April 12, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None made at this meeting.</li> </ul>
April 27, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>